UNITED NATIONS **A S**

General Assembly
Security Council

Distr.
GENERAL

A/48/969
S/1994/833
15 July 1994

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Forty-eighth session
Agenda item 42
THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA
AND HERZEGOVINA

SECURITY COUNCIL
Forty-ninth year

Letter dated 15 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the attached letter of today's date from my President, Mr. Alija Izetbegovic, addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 42, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIĆ
Ambassador
Deputy Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 15 July 1994 from the President of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Secretary-General

I regret to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina has been extremely displeased by the knowledge that the United Nations Protective Force (UNPROFOR) was unable to facilitate the transportation of Mr. Suleyman Demirel, President of Turkey, to Sarajevo, and in this way has prevented his previously announced official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

It is a well-known fact that since the beginning of the aggression against Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey has played a very constructive role, not only in Bosnia and Herzegovina but in the wider Balkan region.

Recently, Turkey contributed soldiers to the peace-keeping operations of UNPROFOR. Therefore, it is difficult to comprehend the above-mentioned decision of the United Nations Administration.

It is with great regret that we have to take note of the double standards being applied by the top-ranking officials of the United Nations, with respect to, and rarely for, the benefit of distinguished personalities from a particular cultural-civilizational milieu.

If the grounds for the refusal to facilitate the visit of President Demirel to Sarajevo was a threat from Karadzic's Serbs, then acceptance of such threats would inevitably lead to the de facto recognition and legalization of terrorism in international practice.

We deem such decisions of the executive organs of the United Nations to be inconsistent with the spirit and fundamental beliefs of the Charter of the United Nations.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIĆ
President